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Re. Suggesting study area option (Point Arena to Año Nuevo)

Dear Sirs:

Please receive our comments on the MLPA Initiative Study Region Options for the Central California coast.

We believe that the Central California coastal unit area that could be considered as having the coast's best example of biophysical marine area qualities and necessary nearshore use and characteristics is the coastal ocean between Point Arena and Año Nuevo. From Point Arena south there is a widening of the nearshore bottom that farther south expands to become the Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuary and the Gulf of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary. Año Nuevo as the southern end of this suggested study area is the presently used jurisdictional line separating the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. Año Nuevo is within the biophysical boundary that separates the northern and southern California nearshore environments.



Kenneth J. Fox, President